

**ABSTRACT**

A lightweight, flexible, horseshoe and method for fitting it to a horse's hoof. The horseshoe has a body made of ultrahigh molecular weight polyethylene, the body carrying an internal springy metal insert having sufficient resilience to enable the body to flex outwardly when weight is placed on a shod horse's hoof, and to resiliently return to substantially its initial configuration when weight is relieved from the hoof.

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